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SUBJECT : PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION: COMMUNIQUE OF PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE REFUTES OPPOSITION CHARGES

REF : A. SAIGON 12530 - POL 14 Viet S
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1. THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE DATED AUGUST 7 WHICH APPEARED IN VIETNAM PRESS AUGUST 8 DEFENDING THE GOVERNMENT AGAINST VARIOUS CHARGES OF WRONG DOING WITH REGARD TO THE ELECTIONS. AN EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF THE VIETNAM PRESS ITEM FOLLOWS:

2. BEGIN TEXT: SAIGON, AUGUST 7: THE OFLS THE PRIME MINISTER IN A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED TODAY CLARFIED VARIOUS BASELESS NEWS REPORTS AIMED AT CAUSING CONFUSING IN PUBLIC OPINION PUBLISHED IN THE PAPERS CONCERNING THE ELECTIONS.

3. THE COMMUNIQUE OF THE OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER ANNOUNCED

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THAT THERE HAVE RECENTLY BEEN PRESS ARTICLES STATING THAT:

4. ONE. THE GOVERNMENT HAS INTENTIONALLY CAUSED DIFFICULTIES SO THAT THE NGUYEN CAO KY-TRUONG VINH LE SLATE WOULD NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT ENDORSEMENTS, IN ORDER TO ELIMINATE THIS SLATE FROM THE ELECTION.

5. TWO. THE GOVERNMENT IS SEEKING TO BRING ABOUT THE DEFEAT OF DEPUTIES HO VAN MINH AND NGUYEN HUU CHING IN THE FORTHCOMING LOWER HOUSE ECLECTIONS.

6. THREE. THE GOVERNMENT IS TERRORIZING REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DUONG VAN MINH-HO VAN MINH SLATE.

7. FOUR. THE GOVERNMENT HAS ARRESTED STUDENT NGUYEN XUAN LAP WITHOUT CAUSE.

8. IN ORDER TO DISP A MISUNDERSTANDING IN PUBLIC OPINION, THE OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER SEES IT IS NECESSARY TO CLARIFY THESE MATTERS AS FOLLOWS:

9. ONE. IN ITS COMMUNIQUE OF AUGUST 3, 1971, THE OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER EXPLAINED THOROUGHLY ABOUT POINT 1 ABOVE, AND AFFIRMED THAT THE ACTIONS OF THE PRIVINCE CHIEFS AND MAYOURS IN REFUSING TO CERTIFY FOR A SECOND TIME THE ENDORSEMENTS OF COUNCILORS WAS COMPLETELY LEGAL AND IN PRECISE ACCORD WITH THE STIPULATIONS OF LAW 09/71.

10. TWO. THE ACCOUSATIONS AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT CONTAINED IN POINTS 2 AND 3 ARE COMPLETELY WITHOUT FOUNDATION AND MALICIOUS.

11. THREE. CONCERNING THE CASE OF MR. NGUYEN XUAN LAP, HE IS A PHARMACIST SECOND LIEUTENANT WHO WAS ARRESTED 1 P.M. AUGUST 1 IN FLAGRANTE DELICTO WHILE HE WAS DISTRIBUTING LEAFLETS INCITIN OTHERS TO ACTIONS TO DISTURB SECURITY. THEREAFTER THE DIRECTORATE OF MILITARY JUSTICE ORDERED HIS DETENTION, AND THE JUDICIAL MILITARY POLICE COMPLETED AN INVESTIGATION AND TRANSFERRED THE MATTER TO THE MILITARY FIELD COURT ON AUGUST, 1971 IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 2 OF LAW 6/70 OF JUNE 23, 1970, ARTICLE 2 BIS OF LAW 10/68 OF NOVEMBER 5, 1968, AND ARTICLE 91, PARAGRAPH 3 OF THE AMENDED CRIMINAL CODE.

12. THE OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER HOPES THAT THROUGH THE ABOVE

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STATED FACTS THE PEOPLE WILL JUDEGE CLEARLY WHAT IS RIGHT AND WHAT IS WRONG IN ORDER TO AVOID HAVING THEIR MINDS POSIONED BY BASELESS REPORTS WHICH INTENTIONALLY DISTORT THE FACTS AND ARE AIMED AT PROVOKING CONFUSION IN THE PUBLIC MIND. END TEXT

13. REF A IS GENERAL MINH'S COMMUNIQUE RE DEPUTIES MINH AND CHUNG. LAP IS MENTIONED IN REFS A AND B AND IN OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT. REF C IS THE AGUST 3 COMMUNIQUE OF THE PRIME MINISTER.
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